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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 11, 2006, the period for response having been extended herein to June 11, 2006, by payment of the requisite fee for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.